

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pages 21-22, please amend paragraph [0082] starting on page 21, line 18 and ending on page 22, line 2 as follows:

**[0082]** All motions directed downwards or upwards in the Z direction can be completely or partially carried out by means of utilizing the force of gravity and/or by means of drive means 220, such as, for example, hydraulic, pneumatic, electric and spring-elastic drive means. Drive means of these types also make possible a functionally safe closing of the storage device after one of the storage elements has been accessed.